

claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 is not necessary. Accordingly, claim 1-10 are pending in this application and are submitted for consideration.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cok et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,278,242, "Cok"). In making this rejection, it was asserted that Cok discloses each and every element of the claimed invention.

The Office Action rejected claims 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok. In making this rejection, the Office Action took the position that Cok discloses the claimed invention, except for disclosing that the nonvolatile data holding section is constituted by an element utilizing a magnetoresistance effect or that the display element is formed by an organic EL element.

The Office Action also rejected claims 4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok in view of Yamazaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,349,366, "Yamazaki"). In making this rejection, the Office Action asserted that Cok discloses all the elements of the claimed invention with the exception of teaching a nonvolatile holding section constituted by a single electron memory or that the nonvolatile holding section is formed of a ferroelectric capacitor. Yamazaki was cited for teaching these limitations.

However, according to MPEP § 201.15, a priority claim can be perfected where the Applicants file a certified verified copy and translation of the foreign priority document. The foreign priority date of the present invention is January 11, 2000. The effective U.S. filing date of Cok is March 20, 2000. The subject matter of claims 1-10 is disclosed in Japanese Patent Application No. 006019/2000. Therefore, Applicant

hereby submits herewith a verified English translation of the foreign priority document, Japanese Patent Application 006019/2000, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a). A certified copy of the priority document was filed with the present application, and was acknowledged in the Office Action dated November 6, 2002. It is therefore submitted that Applicants have perfected its priority date of January 11, 2000 which is prior to the filing date of Cok, the primary reference cited by the Examiner.

In view of the above remarks, because Cok is not a valid prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the Examiner is respectfully requested to review the documents and to withdraw the rejection with respect to claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in view of the entitlement of the present application to its priority date as a date of invention.

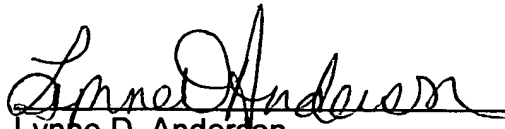
If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any

additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing
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Respectfully submitted,

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